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Applicant : James K. Baker et al.

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Title : PRONUNCIATION GENERATION IN SPEECH RECOGNITION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231RESPONSE

In response to the Examiner's action mailed February 4, 1999, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

8. (Amended) A method of assigning a pre-filtering class to a word when adding a word to a speech recognition dictionary, the method comprising:

matching first two letters of the word to classified words starting with the same two letters to form a sub-list of classified words,

matching phonemes of the word to phonemes of the classified words in the sub-list to form a class list, and placing the word in the class list.

10. (Amended) A method of assigning a pre-filtering class to a word when adding a word to a speech recognition dictionary, the comprising:

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